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Item 10
Adoption of the outcome document of the Conference

Letter dated 27 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference

I have the honour to transmit herewith Canada's closing statement at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa) (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development and listed in its final report.

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Annex to the letter dated 27 July 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference

Please allow me to extend my delegation's congratulations to you, Mr. President, and through you to the people of Ethiopia, for your successful stewardship of this Third International Conference on Financing for Development.

We would also like to convey our sincerest appreciation to the co-facilitators, Ambassadors Pedersen of Norway and Talbot of Guyana, for their tireless efforts to move us to consensus.

My delegation would also like to thank our partners for their spirit of cooperation and flexibility that enabled us to conclude the Addis Ababa Action Agenda.

The Addis Agenda provides a framework for the mobilization of resources from all sources for the achievement of sustainable development and the elimination of extreme poverty. It will provide us with the means to implement the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals. The measures set out in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda have the potential to transform the lives of billions and allow us to attain the future we want.

Inevitably, however, in a document of this nature there are some points where language could benefit from greater precision.

In this regard, with reference to paragraph 117, Canada would like to underline the aspirational nature of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which the Government of Canada supports, within the framework of Canada's constitution and laws. While the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is not legally binding and does not reflect customary international law or change Canadian laws, with our endorsement we reiterated our commitment to continue to work in partnership with Aboriginal peoples in creating a better Canada.

In closing, I would like to again congratulate you, Mr. President, the co-facilitators and all delegations present who contributed to this historic outcome. I would also like to thank the people of Ethiopia for the warm hospitality with which we have been so generously received.